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**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Fri 12/20/2013 10:04:08 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Harvey Ferdman Interview

Karl asked that I forward the partial interview transcript, below, to the two of you. He did not say why.

I will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday, 12/23 and 12/24. Back on Thursday and Friday, 12/26 and 12/27.

Merry Christmas to both of you.

**From:** Whitley, Christopher  
**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2013 2:45 PM  
**To:** Thomas, Hattie  
**Subject:** Harvey Ferdman Interview

I've listened very carefully to the interview and have transcribed, below, the pertinent sections about "groundwater" or "water." At no time does Harvey Ferdman exactly say that EPA disclosed for the first time at the 12/16 CAG meeting that radioactivity was present in the groundwater. He does infer that EPA made an "admission" that radioactivity was found in groundwater in more places, and that it appeared to be moving around.

It is actually the host of the talk show, McGraw Milhaven, who repeatedly states/infers during this interview the allegation that EPA "admitted" on 12/16 that radioactive waste was "leaking into more groundwater than they thought."

If any outreach is to occur here, I would suggest it be in two places: First, to Mr. Ferdman himself, to send the message that we are listening to what he says to the public when he holds himself forth as an expert on West Lake, and that we intend to correct the record when he spreads or infers false information; and second, to Mr. Milhaven, to point out that his "news source" (Mr. Ferdman, a regular guest on that station) doesn't have the facts. I would recommend that we not risk amplifying the false information by specifically calling the attention of ALL St. Louis media to what was said in one interview on just one media outlet.

Here's the partial transcript, containing the references to "groundwater" or "water":

(THIS TRANSCRIPT STARTS AT 2:38 IN THE CLIP)

McGraw Milhaven (KTRS Host): Did they say anything about it (radioactivity) leaching into the groundwater?

Harvey Ferdman: Yes, they said, and I wrote this down, that they are now seeing it in more places than before. And that's, that's a very big admission from the EPA to say that. They've been in the past saying that it appeared not to be moving around.

MM: So the EPA last night in this meeting admitted they're finding the waste leaking into more groundwater than they thought?

HF: Well, just to be clear, they're finding radioactivity in more locations in the groundwater than they expected and than they have seen it in the past, um, and what they would say is that they need to do further analysis to make sure that it is this radioactive waste and not some other radioactive waste.

MM: What did the room say when they admitted to this? Were there gasps, were there claps, were there cheers, was there...horror in the faces of the people who were there?

HF: Uhhmmm....there were a couple of gasps. Pretty much people were just taking it all in. There's a lot to digest.

(SKIP TO 4:42 IN THE CLIP)

MM: Okay, when you say it reaches the groundwater—and now we have confirmation from the EPA that yes, in fact, it is being in more places than they originally thought—you know, somebody's listening to this, saying, "Bridgeton...I don't go to Bridgeton." You go to Lambert Airport. Can I get a coffee or a soda at Lambert Airport and do I have to worry about that...?

(HF complains of "internet freeze" interrupting the interview)

MM: So if I go to Lambert and I order a soda or a water or a coffee, do I have to worry about that water being contaminated from that wastewater around there?

HF: Uhhh, no. No, this water eventually makes its way into the Mississippi Riv—the Missouri River—and then into the Mississippi River. There are some, uhhh, public water inlets (sic) way downstream from that, uhhh, so, uhhh, if it is getting into that water and it is going down there, yes, there's a possibility it could go into the water inlet, ummm, but it won't be...it would be very, very highly diluted...I'm not, I can't say it would be (unintelligible)...I know that MSD, you know...not MSD, but American Water...you know, they test that water and they make sure that it's conforming to all the public standards.

**From:** Tapia, Cecilia

**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2013 9:00 AM

**To:** Whitley, Christopher; Field, Jeff; Gravatt, Dan; Asher, Audrey; Hoefer, David

**Subject:** FW: Harvey interview via Skype following the CAG meeting

**From:** Tapia, Cecilia

**Sent:** Friday, December 20, 2013 8:57 AM

**To:** Thomas, Hattie; Hatch, Sarah; Hague, Mark; Brooks, Karl; Hammerschmidt, Ron

**Subject:** Harvey interview via Skype following the CAG meeting

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**From:** Tippet Mosby, Leanne [mailto:Leanne.TippetMosby@dnr.mo.gov]  
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**From:** "Schmidt, Aaron" <aaron.schmidt@dnr.mo.gov>  
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**Subject:** FW: info from KTRS website.

Balanced news interview w/ Harvey Ferdman regarding WLL/Bridgeton. FYI.

<http://www.ktrs.com/news/local-news/item/12481-epa-says-radioactive-waste-has-reached-groundwater>